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Title : Need to reopen Ramagundam Fertilizer Company, Andhra Pradesh by supplying required gas.

DR. G. VIVEKANAND (PEDDAPALLY): This is in respect of the gas being produced in the Krishna-Godavari Basin. Reliance has already started producing; currently, they are producing about 40 million cubic metres per day, and is expected to go up to 80 million cubic metres per day. As the Government has already said in the Supreme Court, gas is a national asset, and many power plants, fertilizer plants, and many other units have come up in Andhra Pradesh, based on this gas. Our request is that the Central Government should direct Reliance to supply gas to Andhra Pradesh first because it is being produced in Andhra Pradesh.

Madam, Andhra Pradesh is already implementing a scheme of giving free power to farmers. So, producing electricity through gas is an important event for Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, Ramagundam Thermal Power Station requires gas. It is a closed public sector undertaking, and it requires gas from the KG Basin. I would request the hon. Petroleum Minister to kindly allocate 20 million cubic metres per day of gas for Andhra units being before supplied to other parts of the country. Thank you.